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Re:

Patent Application of Tarahomi

Serial No. 09/997,670 Filed: November 29, 2001

ENERGY ABSORBING EXTERNAL COMPONENT FOR VEHICLE

Our File No. 7104-83736

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First-Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this date.

Date Eric B. Cohen, Reg. No. 38,110

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- 2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 3. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 5. Twenty-six (26) sheets of formal drawings;
- 6. Check in the amount of \$130; and
- 7. Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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	☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.									
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.							
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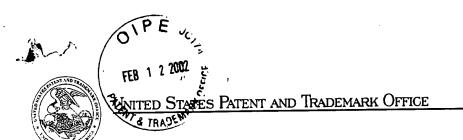
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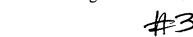
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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